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Dear Mom & Dad,

We recently bought a new Toyota for Vickie to drive to work. She starts Aug. 20. We looked at used cars, but there was very little choice. They all had high mileage and many accessories. Our little car has very few and cost less than any of the used ones. The small cars are popular now and even new ones are hard to find.

We went camping up on Skyline Drive this weekend. We drove up Friday night and came home Sunday. Our friends have a tent and a Coleman stove which are about all that is needed. About 11 PM

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the bears come into camp and go through the garbage cans.

Saturday night we walked right up to the table where we were sitting and they could be heard all night

rattling cans. There are many deer and even wild turkeys can be seen. The weather was perfect and we went for some nice walks.

I can buy fresh vegetables at a stand between home and work. We have fresh corn very often. The tomato plants produce more than we can eat, but we got only one eggplant and no zucchini.

Your slides turned out very well and I will get them back soon. I am going to Hawaii next week — Jim

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